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Thanks, Josh. I am looping Mike who has pen on Comms Plans to make adjustments (looping Tyler for awareness). If he has any questions he will call you.

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Hanson, Joshua" <[joshua.hanson@sol.doi.gov](mailto:joshua.hanson@sol.doi.gov)>  
**Date:** December 15, 2017 at 10:02:36 AM MST  
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Good talk today. Feel free to give me a holler if you have questions.

Josh

On Fri, Dec 15, 2017 at 10:12 AM, Anita Bilbao <[abilbao@blm.gov](mailto:abilbao@blm.gov)> wrote:

Thank you, Josh, and understood re DLR/DOJ request. Talk with you all shortly. Anita

+Ryan Sklar SOL

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On Dec 15, 2017, at 7:56 AM, Hanson, Joshua <[joshua.hanson@sol.doi.gov](mailto:joshua.hanson@sol.doi.gov)> wrote:

Anita,

Please see attached the DLR and DOJ comments on the BENM and GSENM comms plans. DLR and DOJ would like the opportunity to do a quick, red-flag review of the NOI package once the USFS comments have been incorporated and the documents have been finalized.

Thanks,

Josh

On Wed, Dec 13, 2017 at 8:12 PM, Bilbao, Anita <[abilbao@blm.gov](mailto:abilbao@blm.gov)> wrote:

Dan, I inadvertently cced this to your usbr email so here is a resend with all looped - apologies! Anita

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Date: Wed, Dec 13, 2017 at 6:07 PM

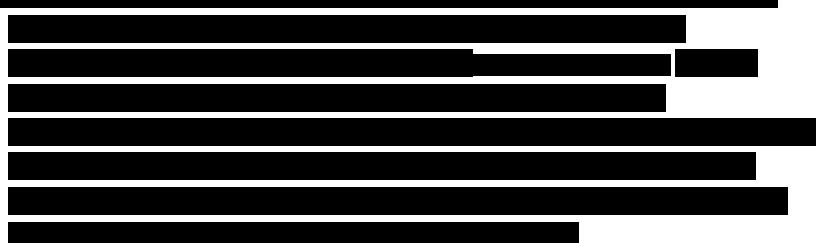
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Attached are updated and BLM Utah reviewed NOIs, Communication Plans, and schedules for BENM (units combined) and GSENM planning.

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Let us know if you have questions, Anita

On Wed, Dec 13, 2017 at 3:47 PM, Jarnecke,  
Pamela <[pjarnecke@blm.gov](mailto:pjarnecke@blm.gov)> wrote:

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## Bears Ears National Monument (BENM) Modification

### Summary

- The President has exercised his authority under the Antiquities Act (Act) to reduce BENM to ensure that the Federal land set aside is the smallest area compatible with the care and management of the important objects of historic or scientific interest.
- Those Federal lands excluded from the monument remain in Federal ownership and will continue to be managed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) under applicable laws and land use plans that governed prior to designation of the BENM.

### Boundaries and Acreage

- The Federal lands in the modified national monument total approximately 201,876 acres. The proclamation restores 1,150,860 acres of Federal land unnecessarily reserved by the original BENM designation to their prior land management status.
- The areas within the modified boundaries of the BENM will be known as the Indian Creek and Shash Jáa units of the monument and include objects of historic or scientific interest under the Act, such as:
  - Bears Ears Buttes and Headwaters
  - Lime Ridge Clovis Site
  - Moon House Ruin
  - Doll House Ruin
  - Indian Creek Rock Art
  - Newspaper Rock
  - Hole in the Rock Trail
  - Outlaw Trail
  - Cultural resources, such as ancient cliff dwellings, Moki Steps, ceremonial sites, ancient tools and projectile points, remains of dwellings, granaries, kivas, towers, large villages, rock shelters, caves, and a prehistoric road system, as well as petroglyphs and pictographs.
  - Historic resources, such as remnants of sheep herding and farming operations as well as dugways, historic cabins, corrals, trails, and carved inscriptions in the rock.
  - Paleontological resources, such as the fossils remains of fish, amphibians, reptiles, and mammals, as well as dinosaur trackways.

### Original Bears Ears NM

**BLM:** 1,063,670 acres  
**USFS:** 289,066 acres  
**State of Utah:** 112,785 acres  
**Private:** 12,815 acres  
**Total:** 1,478,336 acres

### Modified Bears Ears NM

<i>Indian Creek Unit</i> <b>BLM:</b> 71,896 acres <b>Private:</b> 4,936 acres <b>State of Utah:</b> 9,618 acres <b>Total:</b> 86,447 acres	<i>Shash Jáa Unit</i> <b>BLM:</b> 97,393 acres <b>USFS:</b> 32,587 acres <b>Private:</b> 1,694 acres <b>State of Utah:</b> 10,663 acres <b>Total:</b> 142,337 acres
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### Proclamation Changes

#### Protects Grazing:

- Provides that current authorizations for livestock grazing – including the levels of grazing authorized – would not be affected or curtailed because of the monument designation.
- Provides that the Secretary may allow for active, science based vegetation treatment, particularly for pinyon-juniper removal, which will improve grazing management. This will allow for a responsive outcome-based grazing approach for permittees within the monument, allowing greater flexibility in livestock management decisions.

#### Opens Roads:

- Clarifies that pending preparation of a transportation plan for the national monument, the Secretary may allow motorized and non-motorized mechanized vehicle use on roads and trails that were in use prior to BENM designation and allow maintenance of the roads.

#### Increases the Tribal Voice:

- The Secretary and President support Congress granting tribal co-management authority for the Shash Jáa unit of the National Monument
- However until then, the Proclamation provides that the Bears Ears Commission will continue provide guidance and recommendations for the Shash Jáa Unit of the monument, and expands the membership to include a Native American San Juan County Commissioner elected by the majority-Native American voting district in that County.

## **Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument (BENM) Modification**

### **Summary**

- The President has exercised his authority under the Antiquities Act (Act) to reduce the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument (GSENM) in order to ensure that the Federal land set aside is the smallest area compatible with the care and management of the important objects of historic or scientific interest.
- Those Federal lands not included in the new monuments remain in Federal ownership and will continue to be managed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) under applicable laws.

### **Background**

- In the twenty years since designation of the GSENM, the objects identified have been more thoroughly examined and mapped, which offered the opportunity to examine the significance of the objects previously identified and to determine the proper size of the reservation necessary to protect those resources.
- The areas within the modified monument boundaries will be known as the Grand Staircase, Kaiparowits and Escalante Canyons units of the monument. This will include the highest concentration of fossil resources, important landscape features such as the Grand Staircase, Upper Paria Canyon System, Kaiparowits Plateau, Escalante Natural Bridge, Upper Escalante Canyons, East Kaibab Monocline (Cockscomb), Grosvenor Arch, historic resources like Old Paria Townsite, and Dance Hall Rock, as well as relict plant communities such as No Mans Mesa.

### **Boundaries and Acreage**

- The original GSENM monument boundary included approximately 1,865,837 acres of Federal land, is reduced by approximately 861,974 acres. The remainder encompasses approximately 1,003,863 acres of federal land in the three units as provided below.

#### **Grand Staircase Unit**

**BLM:** 209,993 acres  
**Private:** 1,990 acres  
**Total:** 211,983 acres

#### **Kaiparowits Unit**

**BLM:** 551,034 acres  
**Private:** 83 acres  
**Total:** 551,117 acres

#### **Escalante Canyons Unit**

**BLM:** 242,836 acres  
**Private:** 405 acres  
**Total:** 243,241 acres

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**To:** Christopher McAlear[cmcalear@blm.gov]  
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**Subject:** Re: Friday Information Update!  
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Thanks! ??

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On Dec 9, 2017, at 8:09 AM, Christopher McAlear <[cmcalear@blm.gov](mailto:cmcalear@blm.gov)> wrote:

Very nice shoutout! These updates are terrific, and not just because you said such nice things about me??  
Thank you for all you do!

Chris m

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 8, 2017, at 4:38 PM, Haskett, Nikki <[nhaskett@blm.gov](mailto:nhaskett@blm.gov)> wrote:

WO-400 Team,

Here is your Friday Information Update:

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identified on the accompanying map in the Proclamation are excluded from the monument.

- On Tuesday December 5th, in accordance with the Presidents April 26, 2017 Executive Order, Secretary Zinke released the final report outlining recommendations he made to the President on national monument designations under the Antiquities Act.
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*Calendar:*

- Robin has put together a WO400 Holiday Acting Calendar so you can see who will be available and acting over the holidays (attached). It should also be on the 400 shared calendar.
- Our 400 Holiday Retirement Party is set! We are looking forward to a cookie exchange, games, and presenting some well deserved awards. December 12th from 11:30-1:30 (EST) Please join your coworkers to celebrate the holidays, the end of year, and Betsy Wooster, Youth Program Lead, who is retiring in the end of December. Remote staff will be joining us at 1:00 for some special presentations.

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As Nikki suggested



We really appreciate all you do!

*Bibi Booth*

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To: BLM WO 400 NCL and CP <blm\_wo\_400\_ncl\_and\_cp@blm.gov>

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# Holiday Acting DC/DDC Calendar

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